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## TROOP-ISSUE SPEED ASKED BY CONNALLY

He Calls for Senate Approval  
of Sending Forces Before  
Paris Meeting of Big Four

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WASHINGTON, March 5—The Administration's "foreign" policy leader in Congress, Senator Tom Connally, Democrat of Texas, appealed today for Senate approval of the dispatch of American troops to Europe in advance of the prospective Big Four Conference.

Such an action, he asserted, would have "a tremendous influence" in strengthening the Western position. In Paris, preliminary efforts are now being made to establish a basis for a new meeting of the Foreign Ministers of the United States, Britain, France and the Soviet Union.

Mr. Connally, who is serving as chairman of the combined Senate Foreign Relations and Armed Services Committees, which for weeks have been meeting over the troop issue, told reporters:

"I'd like Mr. Stalin to have an approved copy of the Connally-Russell resolution before the foreign ministers get down to business."

This resolution, which has been offered by Mr. Connally and Senator Richard B. Russell, Democrat of Georgia, would have the Senate approve the policy of committing American ground forces to the European defensive force without Congressional limitations.

G. O. P. Seeks House Action, Too

That approach is being heavily disputed in the private meetings of the committees by Republicans who want to put some type of ceiling on the American contribution of troops and to have the whole of

## AUSTRIA'S RED 'PEACE' CAMPAIGN



Thousands of posters bearing the image of a dove, which on closer inspection proved to be feathered with field guns and taloned with bayonets, made their appearance all over the country the last week of February. "Look at this gentle bird. It's the very image of peace" is the caption on the poster. The olive branch on which the dove is perched is labelled "The Communist Party's Peace Dove."

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Congress, not simply the Senate, pass on the issue.

Referring to these efforts after another closed committee session this morning, which was given over to questions of the present and future costs of the American

military establishment as a whole, Senator Connally said:

"I hope that tomorrow we can get down to voting on the resolutions themselves and make some progress, although I see evidence

that there are some who would delay.

"To attempt to bring the House of Representatives into this question appears to be designed to lay matters and to confuse the issue. This has been treated as a Senate matter from the start. House, if it wishes to act, must do so independently."

Mr. Connally suggested that if the House were to be brought into the controversy, it might require a month for the issue to be solved. He declared his "absolute agreement" with a statement attributed to General of the Army Omar N. Bradley, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, that not thirty days might bring vital decisions in the defensive plans for the West.

### Strength to Delay Seen

"I don't think there are not votes in here (in the two committees) to force a change in the resolution to put it before the House also," Senator Connally asserted. "But there is strength enough to delay and to hamper things."

"Why delay when everybody knows that one of the chief purposes of sending troops is to increase the morale of Western Europe?"

"Every day we delay weakens the effect of this intention of ours. It is highly important that we get that assurance. It would exert tremendous influence in the confidence of the foreign ministers if these committees could act before they meet."

During the day there were reports that the Senate Republicans in their several deep divisions on the issue, were urging the chairman of their policy committee, Senator Robert A. Taft of Ohio, to call it together in an effort to reach an all-Republican position. Mr. Taft has not determined whether this would be attempted.

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## Army Developing Lighter Battle Equipment... For Gear Criticized as Reducing Mobility

WASHINGTON, March 5 (UP)—The Army, which has had some of its equipment in Korea, criticized as cumbersome, is gaining in a drive to turn out lighter and better battle gear to make American soldiers more mobile.

The move toward "miniaturization" reportedly has proved most effective in items for use in the field. The smaller, lighter equipment being developed makes for easier transportation over rugged terrain and also saves money in many cases.

A twenty-two-pound field telephone switchboard is being produced to replace types weighing forty-eight and seventy-two pounds. In addition to the saving in weight, the new switchboard is shockproof, waterproof, and can be connected in groups of two or three to service more lines.

Another example is a forty-five-pound teleprinter used to relay messages. This unit will replace one of 225 pounds.

Another communication item, described today by an Army Quartermaster Corps spokesman, is a new type of telephone wire

weighing forty-eight pounds a mile. It will replace a type that weighs 132 pounds a mile.

This wire is coated with polyethylene, a new electrical insulation that makes the use of rubber unnecessary. It can be laid by an aircraft at a speed of 120 miles an hour, according to Army experts.

Another big weight-saver reported by Army spokesmen is a small gas turbine engine that requires no cooling system. This machine, developing the power of a 3,000-pound Diesel engine, runs on gasoline, kerosene, light or heavy oil, or bottled gas.

Army experts also described a new road-building technique that could transform sandy stretches into hard-surfaced highways at a rate of eight miles an hour.

This is done by mixing two cheap, unidentified liquids and pouring them into the sand from a bulldozer rolling across the area. The surface hardens through chemical reaction. It will support a jeep within two hours and a loaded truck weighing up to thirteen and one-half tons within twenty-four hours.

## JOHNS HOPKINS HAILED FOR 13 ARTS COURSES

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NEW ORLEANS, March 4—Johns Hopkins University has thirteen liberal arts departments that are "among the best departments anywhere in the country," according to a rating survey made by a special committee of the Southern University Conference.

The survey also found that the University of North Carolina had been liberal arts departments that were the equal of any in the country. It listed five top-rated departments for Duke University, two at the University of Virginia and one each at Emory University and the Universities of Texas and Tennessee.

A total of 532 departments were studied in forty-nine colleges and universities in Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Alabama, Tennessee, and Louisiana, Mississippi.

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## THE DESERT WAR RECALLED

Montgomery Dedicates in Cairo  
Memorial to His 8th Army

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CAIRO, March 4—Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery of Alamein paid tribute here today to the British Imperial and Allied soldiers of the British Eighth Army who fell fighting in Egypt, Libya, Tunisia and Italy in World War II.

The occasion was the unveiling and dedication of a memorial stained glass window in the east end of the Anglican Cathedral Church of All Saints here. The cost of the window was subscribed by British members of the Eighth Army.

Stressing the importance of the moral factor in the war, Marshal Montgomery as the Eighth Army's former commander said:

"I am quite sure that in the long run an army that marches without divine approval marches in vain."

He recalled words he had spoken in the same cathedral after the battle of El Alamein in 1942, that he "would as soon think of going into battle without my artillery as without my chaplains."

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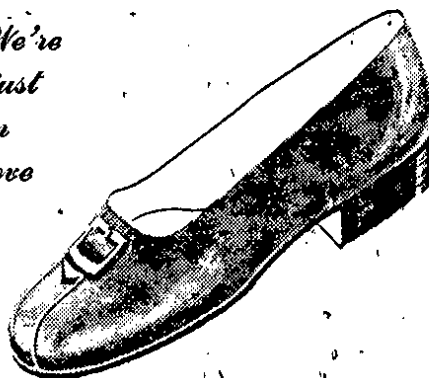
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